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*Employment and payment of guards.*WASHINGTON, *September 26, 1903.*Surgeon GUITERAS, *Laredo, Tex.:*

Regarding expenditures, State, city, and county authorities are expected to render all assistance possible. This has been the rule in other epidemics. If necessary to employ personal service of any character, nominations by name and rate must be promptly wired Bureau, as must also any contemplated expenditure. If in emergency the expenditure must be made, notify Bureau. Who is paying for the disinfecting gangs you started to-day? Walerius can render you much assistance in keeping finances straight, and if necessary you are authorized to nominate a clerk for him.

WYMAN.

REPLY.

LAREDO, TEX., *September 26, 1903.*WYMAN, *Washington:*

City and county have no funds; State has employed guards along border. We are paying for disinfecting gangs.

GUITERAS.

*Pyrethrum powder for use at Laredo.*NEW ORLEANS, LA., *September 26, 1903.*WYMAN, *Washington:*

Guiteras wires me to forward 500 pounds pyrethrum powder by express. Am sending it, and request Bureau approval; also authority to honor similar requisitions.

WERTENBAKER.

*Three suspicious cases—House disinfection.*LAREDO, TEX., *September 26, 1903.*WYMAN, *Washington:*

Have seen three suspicious cases to-day. Disinfected seven and a half houses containing twenty-four rooms.

GUITERAS.

*Plan of campaign against introduction and spread of yellow fever.*LAREDO, TEX., *September 26, 1903.*WYMAN, *Washington:*

Present plan of campaign is as follows: (1) Exterminate local inspection, following methods employed in Habana; (2) to prevent introduction of any new infection from without; (3) to prevent spread of the disease to other localities. The first item was put in operation this morning. The second has been in operation for some time and is

fairly efficient as far as work on the border is concerned. However, consular certificates of five days from yellow fever foci are discredited. Would suggest appointment of good medical inspectors at San Luis Potosi, and Saltillo. The third is principally in Tabor's hands. The State has quarantine against Laredo, and only through passenger traffic to points north of Arkansas, Indian Territory, and Ohio River permitted. All traffic with Corpus Christi is stopped. We are making efforts to reestablish it. Tabor has not yet agreed to train inspection. There is nothing to prevent passengers getting off along the line except local quarantines. These are effective enough at stations, but it is possible for passengers to get off between stations. About three thousand people have left Laredo since the 16th instant.

GUITERAS.

Premises of yellow fever cases disinfected—Laredo placed under strict quarantine.

LAREDO, TEX., September 26, 1903.

WYMAN, Washington:

Frick arrived this morning; have disinfected premises of two fatal cases; will disinfect surroundings this afternoon; no new cases reported. Tabor has put Laredo under strict quarantine. Through passenger traffic for points outside of Texas opened up this morning with notification of proper health authorities. Camp outfit and mosquito netting not arrived; it is an urgent need, as supply here is very small. Have employed about twenty men and divided them into two mosquito gangs. Request authority to order material if necessary from Wertenbaker.

GUITERAS.

Detention camp outfit to be held at Cactus.

SEPTEMBER 26, 1903.

Surgeon GUITERAS,

Laredo, Tex.

Referring to detention camp due to arrive have it sidetracked and retained on cars at some point outside Laredo, say Cactus, until otherwise ordered.

WYMAN.

Dengue reported in Nueces County.

WASHINGTON, September 26, 1903.

Acting Assistant Surgeon BURKE,

Corpus Christi, Tex.

Dengue is reported as being in Nueces County. Wire if you have any knowledge of it.

WYMAN.